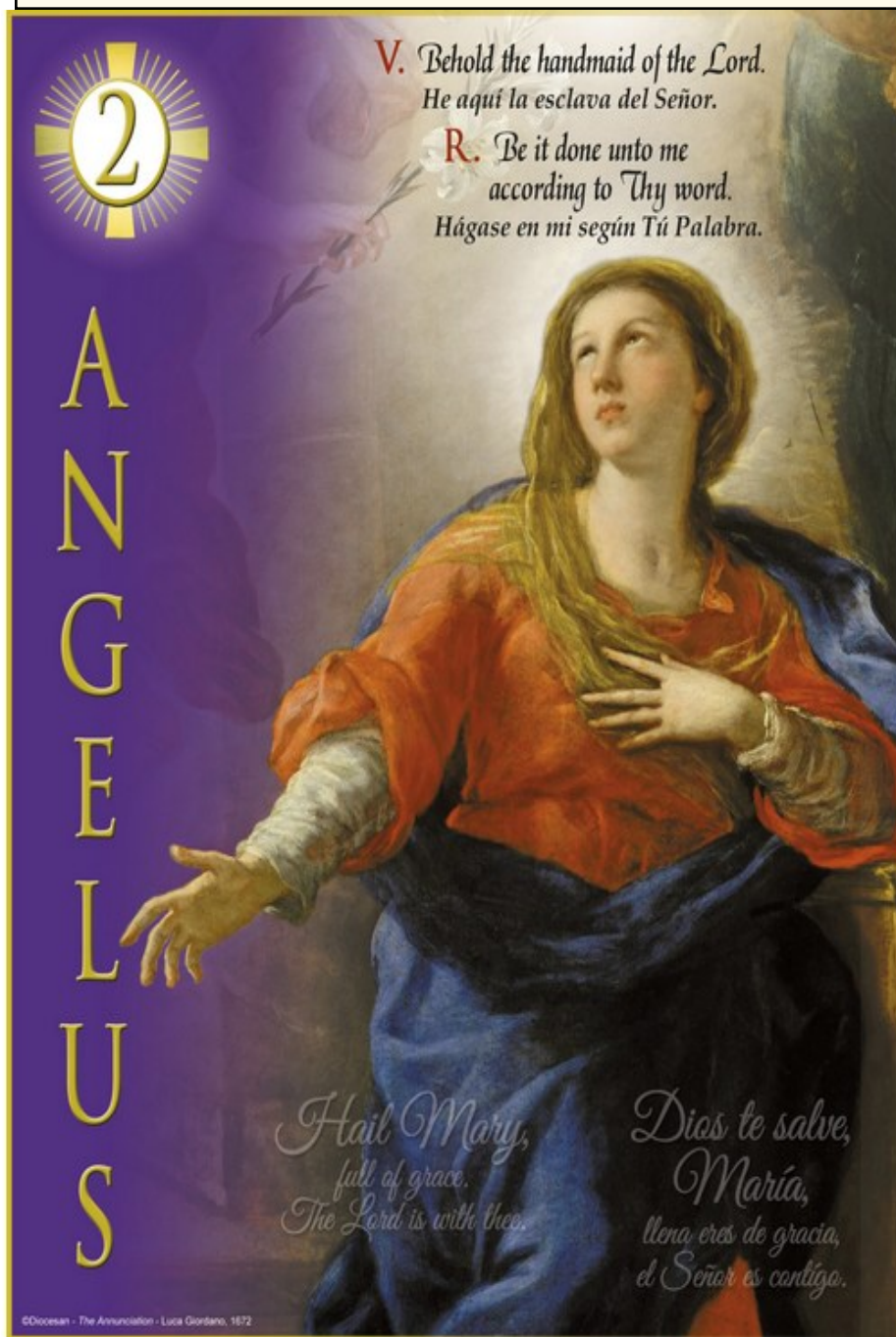


SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1125 Blankenship Drive
Deridder, Louisiana 70634
<https://www.stjosephderidder.org>



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
Office closed 12:00 noon - 1:00pm

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Communion Service at 12:10pm
Tuesday-Friday Mass at 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 am
Mass in Spanish every 4th Sunday
of the month at 5:00 pm
Holy Day Mass Schedule will be
announced

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm
Sunday: 8:00-8:45am & 10:45-11:15am

ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every
Wednesday after the 12:10pm Mass from 12:40
to 4:00pm, ending with Benediction at 4:00pm.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr V. Wayne LeBleu
Deacon: Al Weinnig
Parish Secretary: Gracia Acosta
Parish Bookkeeper: Aimee Brasseaux
Maintenance Head: Trevor Smith
Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL):
Julie Roussel
Assistant PCL: William Frost
Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA):
Angela Lannen
Music Minister: Darlene Watson

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Pastoral Center 337-463-6878

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The couple preparing for marriage must contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the desired time.

Confirmation of date of wedding must be made by the priest officiating the wedding.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Pastoral Center to schedule an interview and register for Baptism. 337-463-6878

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the funeral liturgy.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Gifts of the Spirit

Part of Isaiah's hopeful description of the Messiah contains the traditional seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah, and looking forward to His coming in glory, let's take a look at those gifts and see how we can use them.

Wisdom is the gift of seeing God in his creation. It means that we value the things of this world only as they help us to know and love God more. The second gift, Understanding, follows from Wisdom: we understand what God expects of us in dealing with creation and other people. This gift helps us to know how to act in a world that seems to ignore God.

Counsel follows from Understanding as the gift of making correct judgments on how to act; for example, Understanding can lead us to love others. Counsel guides us to love them in appropriate ways.

Strength or fortitude, is the gift that enables us to do those things inspired by understanding and counsel, even if they are difficult. John the Baptist shows that gift in the gospel. It gave him the courage to die for his faith.

Knowledge is similar to counsel in that we begin to see what God wants for us in this world. Knowledge leads us to deeper revelations of the truths of our faith. This can lead to the sixth gift (seventh in Isaiah's text: "delight in the Lord") of Piety, a willingness to worship and love God, a desire to be close to Him in prayer.

The final gift, Fear of the Lord, is the awe and wonder of recognizing how great God is, how much he loves us, and so how much we want to stay close to Him. The desire to be close to God leads back to Wisdom, where we see God in his creation. Tom Schmidt

Los Dones del Espíritu Santo

Parte de la esperanzadora descripción que Isaías hace del Mesías contiene los siete dones tradicionales del Espíritu Santo. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el nacimiento del Mesías y esperamos con ansias su venida en la gloria, analicemos estos dones y veamos cómo podemos utilizarlos.

La sabiduría es el don de ver a Dios en su creación. Significa que valoramos las cosas de este mundo solo si nos ayudan a conocer y amar más a Dios. El segundo don, el entendimiento, se deriva de la sabiduría: comprendemos lo que Dios espera de nosotros en nuestra relación con la creación y con los demás. Este don nos ayuda a saber cómo actuar en un mundo que parece ignorar a Dios.

El consejo se deriva del entendimiento como el don de tomar decisiones correctas sobre cómo actuar; por ejemplo, el entendimiento nos lleva a amar a los demás. El consejo nos guía a amarlos de manera apropiada.

La fortaleza es el don que nos permite hacer las cosas inspirados por el entendimiento y el consejo, incluso si son difíciles. Juan el Bautista muestra ese don en el Evangelio. Le dio el valor de morir por su fe. El conocimiento es semejante al consejo en el sentido de que comenzamos a ver lo que Dios quiere para nosotros en este mundo. El conocimiento nos lleva a revelaciones más profundas de las verdades de nuestra fe. Esto puede conducir al sexto don (séptimo en el texto de Isaías: "deleitarse en el Señor"), la piedad, la disposición a adorar y amar a Dios, el deseo de estar cerca de Él en la oración.

El último don, el temor del Señor, es la admiración y el asombro de reconocer cuán grande es Dios, cuánto nos ama y, por lo tanto, cuánto deseamos estar cerca de Él. El deseo de estar cerca de Dios nos lleva de nuevo a la sabiduría, donde vemos a Dios en su creación. Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 12/8	Edward Cryer
Tuesday 12/9	Communion Service
Wednesday 12/10	LaNell Howell
Thursday 12/11	Milbre Etta Redler
Friday 12/12	The sick and dying
Saturday 12/13	Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday 12/14 9:00 am	Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Ewell Archfield, Jesse and Eva Blakeman, Dr. Ted J. Hoerner, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 12/14 11:30 am	John Lowe, Milbre Etta Redler, Andrew Cronce, Victor and Rose Caponi

Why do we have Mass Intentions?

In the Catholic Church, Mass intentions are specific requests for which a Mass is offered. These intentions are a way for individuals to connect their prayers with the sacrifice of the Mass, seeking God's grace for particular needs or in memory of loved ones. While every Mass benefits the entire Church, intentions allow for a focused application of the Mass's graces towards a specific person or situation.

Suggested minimum donation per intention is \$5

Church Registration

Do you worship with us regularly? Please consider registering with us online at our website:

<https://www.stjosephderidder.org/>

Scroll to the bottom of the welcome page and click on register.

Offertory for November 29th and 30th. 2025

Offertory \$ TBA

Bishop's Services Appeal \$TBA

Insurance \$TBA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

2nd Collections for the Month of December

December 6-7 Bishop's Services Appeal

December 20-21 Insurance

December 24-25 Christmas Charities Collection

Cereal for God's Food Box is collected on the 2nd week-end of the month, please drop in the foyer.

Catholic Charities accepts non-perishable items through the year, they can be dropped in the box in the foyer.

WEEKLY CALENDAR/CALENDARIO SEMANAL

Monday Lunes December/ Diciembre 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception/ Día de la Inmaculada Concepción • 12:10 pm Mass/Misa • 6:00 pm Mass/Misa
Tuesday Martes December/ Diciembre 9	• 9:30 am CLJ (English) • 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión
Wednesday Miércoles December/ Diciembre 10	• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 12:40 - 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoracion Eucarística • 6:00 pm PREP • 6:00 pm CLJ (English)
Thursday Jueves December/ Diciembre 11	• 10 am Senior Bingo/ Bingo Adultos Mayores • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 5:30 pm CLJ (English) • 7 pm KC meeting
Friday Viernes December/ Diciembre 12	Feast Virgen of Guadalupe/ Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe • 6:00 pm Mass / Misa
Saturday Sábado December/ Diciembre 13	• 4:00 pm Mass / Misa • 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)
Sunday Domingo December/ Diciembre 14	• 9:00 am Mass / Misa • 10:00 am PREP • 11:30 am Mass / Misa

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

December 13th/14th, 2025	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Rane Sills	Terrence Carter	Sheryl Douglas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Jeff Fogleman Michelle Lingo Dwain Ducote Missy Ducote	Deacon Al Suzanne Lestage Brian Lestage Katie Winnig	Deacon Al John Burch Theresa Stout Eartha Simon
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Sley Gardner Aiden Hauser Monica Garcia	Wesley Soileau Grayson Soileau Andrew Soileau

Money Counters: Team 2

Saint Joseph Catholic Church



Vocation Prayer Book and Cross

We recognize the importance of praying for vocations for the Priesthood and Religious Life. Each week a family or member will pick up the Cross and Prayer Book to pray for increase vocations. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the Church. Please sign up!

Tim and Nicole Kyle will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 9 am Mass. (Return the Cross and book by the next Friday by 4:30pm)

"The Priest brings God to the people and the people to God"
~ Fr. Michael Caraway

Pray for our sick

(Please contact the Pastoral Center)



Danny Hernandez, Ronnie Watson, Helen Chaisson, Roberta Gray, Susan Hill, Jenna Picou trim, Kalyn Picou, Ryann Landry, Steven Boudreaux, Alice Kidder

Names will be removed after 1-3 months depending on circumstances and information given

"Father God, you alone heal hearts and bodies, minds, and spirits. Today, we ask you to lay your healing hand on our loved ones. We ask for the healing of illness, physical weakness, and of broken hearts and spirits. " Tamela Turbeville

Candles \$5



Candles are available to burn in the Church or to take home. When lit they represent an expression of faith and devotion, often used to accompany prayers for specific intentions, such as intercession for the deceased, the sick, for loved ones, in thanksgiving. The light of the candle signifies the light of Christ and the prayers rising to God.

Our Organizations and Ministries
You can get involved and assist in our Church- Contact the Pastoral Center

Altar Society
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
(CDA)

Junior Catholic Daughters
Knights of Columbus
Come Lord Jesus

Altar Servers / Lectors /
Extraordinary Ministers

Avisos de la Parroquia

Venta de nueces (pecans): Las Hijas Católicas venden nueces pecanas. Puedes comprar después de las Misas.



Flores de Navidad Si deseas hacer una donación para decorar la Iglesia, puedes hacerlo en la Oficina llenando un formulario para honrar a algún ser querido durante la Misa de Navidad.

Celebración de la Inmaculada Concepción será el Lunes, 8 de Diciembre con Misas a las 12:10 pm y 6:00 pm. Es un día de guardar. La oficina estará cerrada.

La celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe será el 12 de Diciembre con una Misa a las 6:00 pm y luego un compartir en Kern Hall. Los esperamos!



NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, patrona de las Américas, se le apareció al indígena Juan Diego en 1531, pidiendo que se construyera una iglesia en ese lugar. Cuando el obispo pidió una señal que confirmara la autenticidad de la aparición, ella respondió produciendo rosas en diciembre para que Juan Diego las recogiera, y dejó una imagen de sí misma impresa en la tilma o manto de Juan Diego.

Habrará un Servicio de Penitencia el Jueves, 17 de Diciembre en la Iglesia.

Misas de Navidad

24 de Diciembre—4pm
24 de Diciembre—10 pm
25 de Diciembre—10 am



Ven Señor Jesús Estudio Bíblico

¿Estás listo para que la Misa cobre vida al abrir y leer las Escrituras? ¿Estás listo para que tu vida de oración se transforme? Únete a una de nuestras pequeñas comunidades de fe para estudiar la palabra de Dios. **Sábado** a las 5 p.m. Edificio de educación

Si quieres una intención durante una misa, favor comunicarte a la oficina. La donación por intención es de \$5 mínimo.

Misas en Español 2025-2026
(4to Domingo del mes)

28 de Diciembre
25 de Enero
22 de Febrero
22 de Marzo

Tenemos una imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe Peregrina —por favor contactar a la oficina para que la recibas en casa! El Padre te la dará durante una



VELAS (\$5)

Puedes encender velas en la Iglesia para acompañar oraciones e intenciones específicas. La luz de la vela simboliza la luz de Cristo y las oraciones que se elevan a Dios.

Parish Announcements

Senior Bingo is on Thursday, December 11th at 10 am in Kern Hall.

Knights of Columbus meeting is on December 11th at 7 pm.

Feast of Immaculate Conception is on Monday, December 8th and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 12:10 pm and 6:00 pm. The office will be closed.



Celebrating our Lady of Guadalupe We will have a Mass in Spanish on December 12th at 6:00 pm. Please join us for Mass and for fellowship after Mass in Kern Hall. Save the date!

Christmas Flowers If you would like to have your loved ones remembered by donating for Christmas décor/flowers, please fill the form that was distributed in the bulletin and return it to the Office by December 14th. The office also has forms.



An Advent Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, December 17th from 6 to 8 pm at the Church.



Pecans: You can pick up pre-orders or buy them after each Mass from the Catholic Daughters.

Christmas Masses' Schedule

December 24th, 4 pm Vigil Mass
December 24th, 10 pm Midnight Mass
December 25th, 10 am Christmas Mass

Many Diocese activities can be found in the Diocese of Lake Charles website (retreats, meetings, special Masses, conferences, workshops, pilgrimages, etc)
<http://www.lcdiocese.org/3-news/3044-upcoming-events-at-a-glance>

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Age 70 ½ or older Distribution must be made by Dec 31, 2025
Contribution must be sent directly from your IRA to your church parish



Other year-end gifts
- by check, online
donation, or
appreciated stock –
are also welcome.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you are 73 or older, while reducing your taxable income.

CONTACT THE CHURCH
OFFICE FOR MORE
INFORMATION

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Meal Train®

Meal Train Account! Please consider donating a meal to feed our students on Wednesdays! **We have a priority for meals in December!** Sign Up using the QR Code or by using this link:

<https://mealtrain.com/qgqn71>



The purpose of this Meal Train Ministry is to provide a hot meal on Wednesday night for our PREP students. This gives them time for fellowship together prior to instruction beginning.

First Penance for First Communion Candidates will be on Saturday, December 13th at 2:00 pm.

Christmas party for pre-K to 5th grade PREP will be Sunday, December 15th, during PREP.

Catholic Schoolhouse



Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool program, is currently registering families for the 2026/27 academic year at St. Joseph

Catholic Church. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, hands-on science, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. We will have two informational meetings, 12/11 and 12/18 at the education building from 6-7pm. We hope to see you there. You can contact Rebekah Smith at 337-396-2369 or email at rebekahsmithcsh@gmail.com



Catholic Schoolhouse
Homeschool Success through a Classical Approach™

INFO MEETING

Learn how your family can belong.

- ✓ Classical Memory Work
- ✓ Integrated Art projects
- ✓ Hands-on Science
- ✓ Family unity – all ages
- ✓ Virtue focused



DeRidder, LA
Catholic Schoolhouse



Thursday
December 11



Time
6:00-7:00 PM



St. Joseph Catholic Church
1125 Blankenship Dr,
DeRidder, LA

JOIN US



rebekahsmithcsh@gmail.com



Scripture Readings for the Week of December 7, 2025

Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
Monday	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Come, Lord Jesus! Bible Study



Are you ready for Mass to come alive for you as the Scriptures are open and read? Are you ready for your prayer life to be transformed? Join one of our small faith communities in studying God's word.

Tuesday at 9:30am in the Education Bldg

Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Pastoral Ctr

Thursday at 5:30pm in the Education Bldg

December Prayer Intention / Intención de Oración en Diciembre

**For Christians in areas
of conflict**

**Por los cristianos en
zonas de conflicto**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Oremos para que los cristianos que viven en zonas de guerra o conflicto, especialmente en Oriente Medio, sean semillas de paz, reconciliación y esperanza.